

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 14, 18, 21 and 25 is acknowledged with appreciation.

By this amendment, claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowable claim 14, and allowable claims 18 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 14 has been canceled. Claims 19, 20 and 22 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 18. Claims 20 and 23 have been amended to delete the word "slanted," which the Examiner found confusing. Claims 12, 13 and 15-25 are now presented for further examination.

The rejections of claims over prior art are believed mooted by the foregoing amendments.

The rejection of claims 20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed obviated by the foregoing amendments.

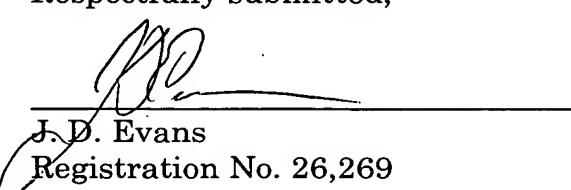
In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037297.53060US).

Respectfully submitted,

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